



Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 022701-879

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
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Michel COSTANTINI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1651
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Application No.: 09/623,414) Examiner: R. Gitomer
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Filed: November 8, 2000) Confirmation No.: 4994
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For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING AND)
PURIFYING ADIPIC ACID)

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☒ Also enclosed is/are Notice of Appeal; USP 5,877,341; SRI Report No. 3,
"Adipic Acid", H.C. Ries

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

☐ A total fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY AFTER FINAL ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Official Action dated March 31, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the subject application, in view of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Each of these claims is under consideration.

Before discussing the Official Action on the merits, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Gitomer for the courteous personal interview conducted with the undersigned on August 6, 2003. Further to the discussion at the interview, Applicants submit the following remarks, directed to the combination of *Fache et al* with *BE '237*.

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